

Love One Another - Really

1 Peter 1:22

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Notes for 1 Peter 1:22 – Love One Another - Really

The Basic Outline for this Study is as follows

Intro – What is Real? God is Real...He works Reality in lives....

1) Since...holy...obedient (when saved)

- Since purified...made holy (connecting to verses before)
- Since obedient (connecting to v.2 and v.4) – all nouns – we are
- Obedience is to THE Truth (adds truth to mix...Jesus is)
- By the Spirit (?) (Not in all manuscripts – true thought, text?)

2) Saved into Real Christian Love

- Love of the brethren (Christians)
- Sincere – Real (not pretending, deep in us)
- Because of God's saving work, all Christians love other Christians

Up to this point – all descriptions, not exhortations...now exhorts....

3) Now – Love with fervor and heart

- Love with a greater love (Agape, where earlier is Phileo)
- Love with one another (again, this is between Christians)
- Love with a fervent love (Athletic term speaking of stretching out for)
- - 2:17, 3:8, 4:8 - A love we work hard at
- Love with a heart love – Real! God wants real love to flow from us!

The following pages are notes – connected to the PowerPoint Slides we show during the message. On the left top, you will see the PowerPoint Slide that is shown. On the left bottom, the verse in 1 Peter is listed. On the right, notes that follow along with the slides. This is a different way of doing sermon notes, and it might be hard to follow...but I hope not. The above outline is what we are teaching – the notes that follow is the process. May it be helpful is our prayer!

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Question: What does it mean to be Real?

**Webster: Actually being or existing true: not fictitious, a lie or imaginary
genuine: not artificial or counterfeit**

**Not Hypocritical
- wearing a mask, pretending...**

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Real? What is it? Does it mean?

For me...I love the thought of Reality, authenticity
Is one of the things that has drawn me to the Lord and caused me to fall in love with Him over and over

God is against hypocrisy. The word hypocrite in Greek comes from a word that means "actor". Picture it in that day – an actor with a mask – pretending to be someone else...but is not what they are on the inside.

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We live in a world with so many blurred hypocritical lines....

What is Real????

TV Sitcoms Movies Fiction
Santa Claus Fantasy

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Because of the amazing amount of fantasy and fiction in our lives – reality can at times be so questionable - what we know as real.

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What is Real????

God is Real!!!
God works Real!

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Hear me clearly.

God is absolutely Real – it is who He is and what He does.

Love when Jesus was being tried before the Cross – and He told them that they could ask anyone of the things of his teaching – because He taught nothing in secret. What you saw...is what you got with Jesus, with God.

What God works in lives is real. It is authentic....call you to it today.

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↪ Since purified...made holy

↪ Since obedient

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Begins with connecting with the context of what we have been seeing.

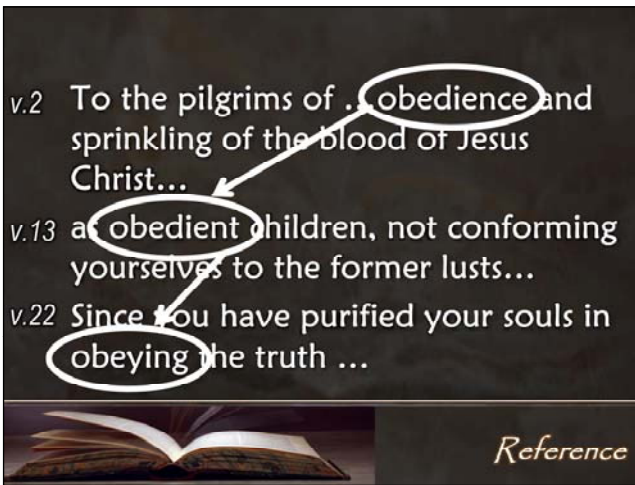
First – since we are Holy.

- for several verses has been theme, a call to holiness
- word “purified” same root as the Greek word “Holy”
- Christian, here this is not a call to Holiness, to living it out, but a reminder that you are holy – you have been made a saint

Second – we are obedient

- Is a connect thru passage

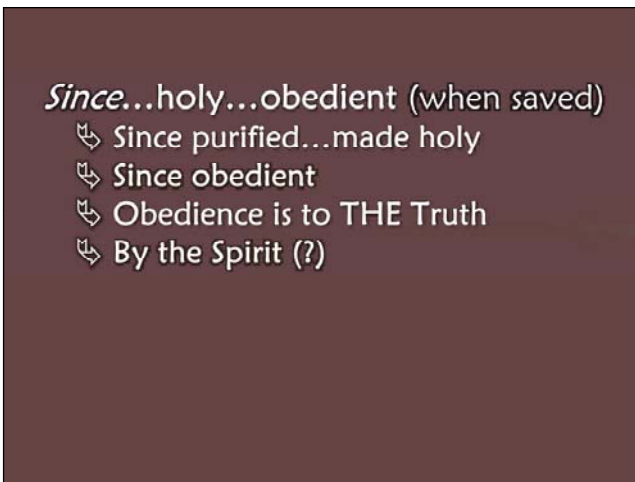
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Notice each use of the word Obedient. All of them are nouns, not verbs – not calling us to obedience, but describing us as obedient.

God has worked this in us, given us a new nature in Christ...wow

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He adds a couple things.

First – that we are obedient to the truth. The concept of “the truth” is added here. The truth is Jesus, it is the gospel. Yet, the point here...ties back to our thought of what is real...it is true – we are obeying the truth!

Second – by the Spirit

- problem – not all of your Bibles include this phrase – why?
- not in all the ancient manuscripts
- The Bible you hold in your hand is trustworthy. Copied for centuries by hand. There are some passages that have small variances – like this one. Yet, none of them introduce or bring anything into question.
- the truth is that the Spirit was involved in our salvation – perhaps God included, or a well meaning man – but true, from other sources
- we won't get lost in...is true, we are obedient, is true, Spirit involved
- again – you can trust your Bible

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Since...holy...obedient (when saved)

So...so far God has tied what He is about to say to what we have already seen, studied.

Now...adds another truth

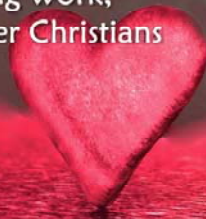
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Saved into Real Christian Love

- ↪ Love of the brethren (Christians)
- ↪ Sincere – Real
- ↪ Because of God's saving work, all Christians love other Christians



When saved – we were saved into love.

Love for Christians – of the brethren – part of salvation

It is sincere – real. Love this, love the theme throughout, real, not false, phony, fake or pretend

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Could say it this way: Because of God's saving work, all Christians love other Christians – all do.

Consider these verses:

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In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.



1 John 3:10

Here is how you can tell a Christian

One – there is a change –
righteousness, not perfect, but
changing is a part

Two – they love Christians

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We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.



1 John 3:14

If we love other Christians, we know we are saved.

If don't love brother – not saved, still dead spiritually

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If someone says,
"I love God"
and hates his brother,
he is a liar



1 John 4:20

Again.

If say love God and hate Christians –
they are lying

Could it be more simple?

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the love of God has been poured
out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
who was given to us.



Romans 5:5

We know this, we have this, not
because it is in us, from us – but the
Spirit of God has poured this into
us....

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With me so far?

What we have seen so far is not an exhortation, but explanation.

If you are a Christian – it is true, you are holy and you love

Now...based on that, heading to exhortation

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Now – Love with fervor and heart



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Because you love...now love

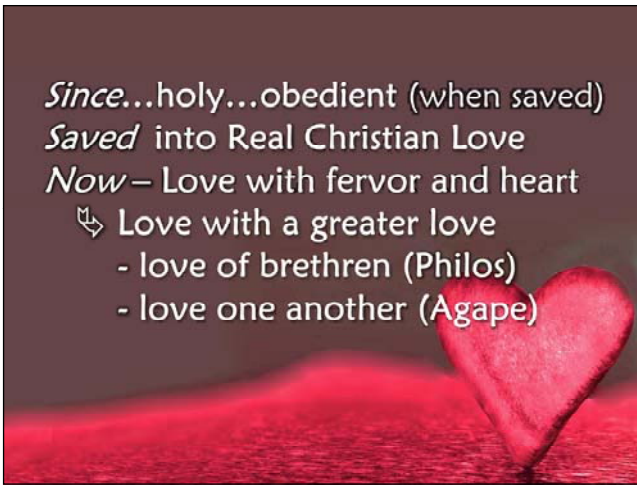
Again...drawn to the thought of reality, not faking it, but letting the love God has birthed grow...

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We don't create it, we just don't choke it off

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Now...how? Exhortations.

First – love with a greater love
- is true, all Christians love
- first word used for love at the beginning of the verse is Phleo
- second greek word is Agape – a greater love...God's love

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God is calling us to grow in love, for our love to become more like His. It is present, needs to grow

Agape- unselfish, not based in the object, but the source...God's love

Question: What would this look like in you? In this year?

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Second – we are called to love one another.

He says it again – we love as brothers, but now called to love greater – greater other believers.

Notice the words one another...

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The words one another are a key phrase used thru NT for how Christians are to treat each other

Point...we need to grow in our love for one another.

Question: What look like in your life?

Application: I fear...that for some, they love the world, non Christians too much...and their relationships with Christians is lacking....

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Jehu...the seer went out to meet..
King Jehoshaphat,
"Should you help the wicked and
love those who hate the LORD?
Therefore the wrath of the LORD
is upon you.



2Chronicles 19:1-2

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God is clear...choose bad
companions...it will effect you,
always.

Don't be lied to! Don't lie to
yourself....

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Do not be deceived: "Evil
company corrupts good habits."



1 Corinthians 15:33

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He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.



Proverbs 13:20

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I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.



John 17:15

Now, don't go too far – not to be out of this world...Jesus prayed that God would keep us in the world

We ought to have relationships, friendships with those in the world, so they can see Christ in us

Yet...it should not be the major relationships in our lives....

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By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.



John 13:35


The world should see how much we love each other

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- 2:17, 3:8, 4:8
- A love we work hard at



Again – call you to grow in how you love Christians!

Third – it is with a fervent love - fervent is an athletic word that speaks of stretching for, working hard out, working out – not a one time thing...constant, pressing.

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Notice how used thru rest of 1 Pet

God is calling us to work at this

Question: What would this look like in your life? In coming year?

Consider description of God's love

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Love suffers long and
is kind;
love does not envy;
love does not parade itself,
is not puffed up;
does not behave rudely,
does not seek its own,
is not provoked,



1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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thinks no evil;
does not rejoice in iniquity,
but rejoices in the truth;
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

Love never fails.



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- with Pure love?

- Real, flowing from heart



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Fourth – called to love with heart love

Pure? – again, some translations don't have this word – might be added...unnecessary, clear in text. But maybe someone...or even God wanted to make sure we saw it...that this love is real

Pure...heart – speak of reality, flowing from the inside, not just a change of behavior...but heart.

For me...I love this, love it because it is real. I want real, not fake...I want to be real

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

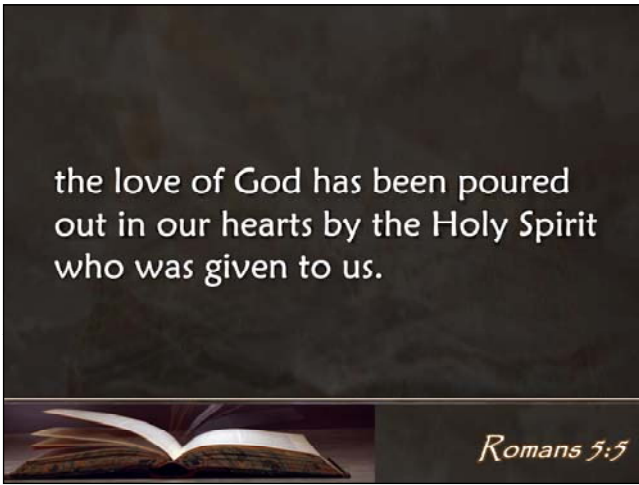


1 John 4:7

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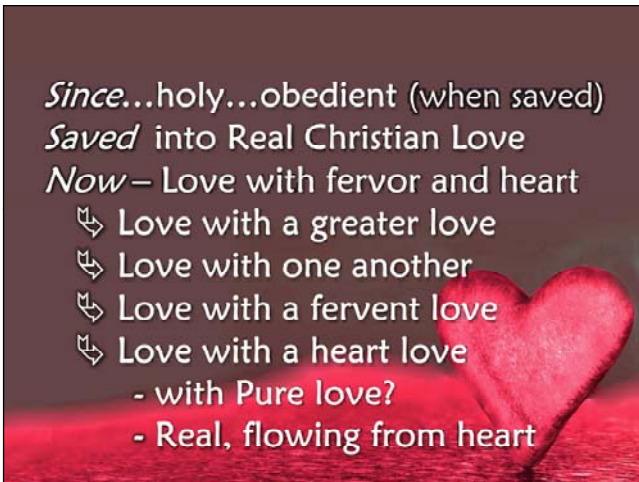
The love is “of God” - His

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This is the source we need – God’s love by the Power of the Spirit

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I call you this love – I exhort you to a greater love for fellow Christians, that you are working at, growing in with reality

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Love in the midst of trials (v.6)



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As we look on...lets consider context again.

Written to a church in trail, persecution.

Persecution puts pressure that really forces one to go down one of two roads before you

- selfish, self centered, bitter
- love, acceptance, standing together

Obviously – this is what God wants in us...and what the early church did in amazing ways

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Caecilius in 1st century debate on Christianity

“they love one another almost before they know one another...”

As Romans looked on this love that Christians had – shocked them...they did not understand it...

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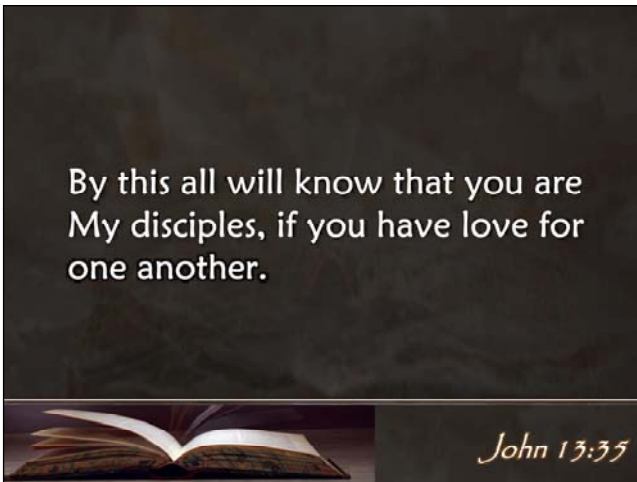


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Love this testimony from the early church...being persecuted, meeting in catacombs.

Rome sent spies in to try to figure this “new” group out – and they did not understand all that was being talked about...but the love these had for one another was unmistakable...

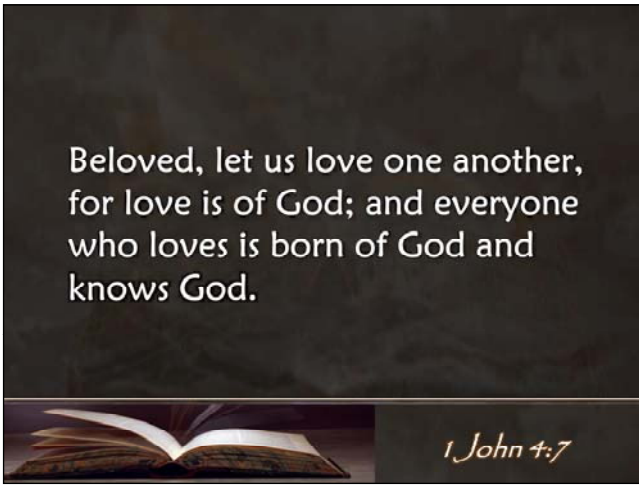
O that this would be true of us...



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O that those unsaved here today, would see this

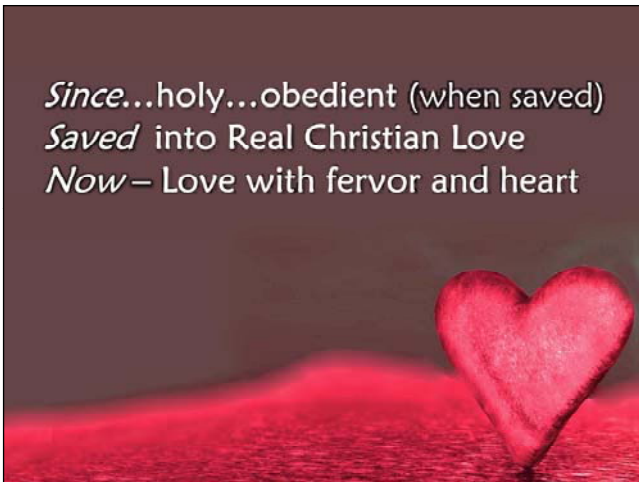
O that world would see this



Lets do this love!!!

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Today..this coming year...call you to
love

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God is Real!!!
God works Real!

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As we close...again I turn to those unsaved.

Perhaps you don't understand all we talk about – that is ok


We pray that you see the love God has for us...for you

In it...pray you see that God is real...so real.

He does real authentic things

Doesn't want and won't accept you just being religious. Wants to change you on the inside...can

Born again – v.3



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